medium towns in the country, a centrally- sponsored scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) has been initiated in 1979-80 which is still in operation. Till the end of October 2002, 1264 towns have been covered under the IDSMT Scheme and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 564.65 crores was released against which an expenditure of Rs. 744.73 crores has been reported by the State Governments, which also includes the releases under State share.

It has been decided to bring more small and medium towns under the scheme and an outlay of Rs. 1304.65 crores has been kept for the scheme in the Tenth Plan.

(c) During the current financial year allocation of Rs. 103.90 crores has been made under the scheme towards Central assistance.

Development of towns under IDSMT scheme

126. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small and medium towns developed in various States under the centrally sponsored Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns scheme (IDSMT) so far;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to include any town in Orissa for development during the current financial year and also during Tenth Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the allocation of fund made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Under the centrally-sponsored scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), 1264 towns have been covered till the end of October, 2002.The State-wise details are given in Statement (See below,).

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Selection of towns for inclusion under IDSMT is* done by the concerned State Government. Accordingly, the Government of Orissa submitted priority list of 52 towns for coverage under the IDSMT Scheme during the Tenth Plan Period.

During the current year, the State Government has proposed the following 16 towns for inclusion under IDSMT Scheme. These are (I) Cuttuck, (2) Bhubaneswar, (3) Sonepur, (4) Nayagarh, (5) Khurda, (6) Hinjilikatu, (7) Malkangiri (T), (8) Boudh, (9) Deogarh, (10) Udala (T), (II) Belugantha, (12) Bhuban, (13) Barbil (T), (14) Khariar, (5) Sambalpur and (16) Berhampur.

Allocation of Rs. 3.24 crores has been made to Orissa during 2002-03.

Statement

Towns covered (Developed) under IDSMT Since Inception

SI. No.	Name of States / UTs	Number of Towns covered
1.	Andhra Pradesh	99
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	8
3.	Assam	28
4.	Bihar	35
5.	Chhattisgarh	21
6.	Goa	9
7.	Gujarat	73
8.	Haryana	19
9.	Himachal Pradesh	18
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	10
11.	Jharkhand	12
12.	Karnataka	104
13.	Kerala	40
14.	Madhya Pradesh	89
15.	Maharashtra	126
16.	Manipur	22
17.	Meghalaya	8
18.	Mizoram	10
19.	Nagaland	9
20.	Orissa	56
21.	Punjab	35

SI. No.	Name of States / UTs	Number of Towns covered
22.	Rajasthan	54
23.	Sikkim	10
24.	Tamil Nadu	122
25.	Tripura	13
26.	Uttaranchal	6
27.	Uttar Pradesh	127
28.	West Bengal	89
29.	A&N Islands	1
30.	D&NHaveli	2
31.	Daman & Diu	1
32.	Lakshadweep	1
33.	Pondlcherry	7
	TOTOU	1264

Drinking water in cities off Andhra Pradesh

127. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita availability of drinking water in metro and other cities of Andhra Pradesh has considerably declined during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Central and State Government to contain this trend and increase the per capita availability of drinking water in the cities of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the information obtained from Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, in fact, in Hyderabad Metro Area per capita availability has increased from December, 2001 on account of implementation of Refurbishment Project. The pre-refurbishment